

2014 Summer Evening Presentations

Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center

Wednesdays from 7–8pm



US Army Corps
of Engineers®
New England District

July 9 Maintaining the Bridges over the Canal

The Corps of Engineers is responsible for three bridges that span the Cape Cod Canal. Inspection and maintenance work for the 79 year-old bridges includes numerous challenges. Join Civil Engineer and Deputy Canal Manager John MacPherson as he summarizes the engineering process and shares details of the maintenance work. Discussion topics will include recently completed and on-going work on the Bourne and Sagamore highway bridges and the Buzzards Bay Railroad bridge.

July 16 Panama Canal

Jay Sousa, US Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger & cadet at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy recently spent a semester abroad at another canal turning 100 this year: the Panama Canal. Join him to explore the similarities and differences of these two century old waterways. He'll reveal the overall operations at the Panama Canal, some of its history and the US Army Corps of Engineers' role there.

July 23 Stormy Nights

Cape Cod is known as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic", with over 3000 recorded ship wrecks. Join a Ranger from Cape Cod National Seashore and explore some famous wrecks, historical facts, myths and legends which are all part of the alluring heritage of Old Cape Cod. From moon-cussers to wreckers and tempest to nor-easters this will be an evening of tails and facts, a presentation bringing us insight into that vibrant past and what it can offer us today with new science and technology leading us on a path to an interesting thought provoking study of an era gone-by.

July 30 A Village Divided: Sagamore & the Cape Cod Canal

What happens to a community when a canal cuts through your town? Donald "Jerry" Ellis will discuss the impact that the Canal construction had on businesses and the daily life of residents in Sagamore from 1911 to the present.

August 6 Touch Tank of Marine Life

Lobsters, crabs, sea stars and more. Get up close and personal with this hands-on experience with live marine critters! Join a canal Park Rangers to discover some fascinating facts about various local marine animals living in the waters around Cape Cod. Great for all ages!

August 13 Navigating the Canal – Then and Now

Tolls, technologies, the channel itself... the privately owned and operated Cape Cod Canal that opened 100 years ago was a much different waterway than the modern one you see today. Join Jay Deal, US Army Corps of Engineers Patrol Boat Operator, as he reveals a vessel's journey through both canals.

August 20 Chasing Striped Bass from Shore: Opinions from an Old Salt

Ever wonder why 'that guy' is catching all the fish? The 'science or is it the art' behind catching striped bass is discussed by a local fisherman. Jerry Gonsiewski has been chasing striped bass from shore for 40 years. His presentation will include Q & A, gear display, and hands on demo to help you become 'that guy/gal'.

August 27 World War II Along the Cape Cod Canal

Coast Guard boats manning security checks and a 10,000 ton vessel sitting sideways in the Cape Cod Canal with the enemy stalking Cape Cod Bay. Hear these stories and more from the land and the sea during WWII. Enjoy historic period photographs of the era from the Cape Cod Canal archives as part of the presentation. Presented by Park Ranger Ann Cook.

Admission: Free, no registration required.

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Location: Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center 60 Ed Moffitt Drive in Sandwich, MA. 508-833-9678.

